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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YUMA

In the Matter of:

ASSIGNMENT OF DIVISIONS AND  
CASES OF SUPERIOR COURT, YUMA  
COUNTY, ARIZONA

Administrative Order  
No. 98-21

On December 31, 1997, the Hon. Jane Hull, Governor of Arizona, announced the appointment of John N. Nelson to fill the judgeship vacancy created on the Yuma County Superior Court as a result of the resignation of the Hon. H. Stewart Bradshaw. On November 3, 1998, John Nelson was elected to serve a four (4) year term as Yuma County Superior Judge, Division One, commencing January 1, 1999. On November 3, 1998, Kirby Kongable was re-elected to serve a four (4) year term as Yuma County Superior Court Judge, Division Three, commencing January 1, 1999.

Administrative Order 98-1, dated January 9, 1998, as amended and clarified January 29, 1998, designated the respective numbered divisions of the Yuma County Superior Court to which the Yuma County Superior Court Judges were to be assigned. After the abovementioned election on November 3, 1998, and the issuance of the respective certificates of election, the past designated numbers of divisions of the Superior Court have no further significance for purposes of such election. A.R.S. §16-331. However, the designation of such numbers continue to have significance for administrative purposes and, for such purposes, should be changed consistent with this Administrative Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that effective January 1, 1999, the following assignments of Superior Court Judges are made for the Judges of the Yuma County Superior Court:

(A) Tom C. Cole is assigned to Division One;

- (B) John N. Nelson is assigned to Division Two;
- (C) Kirby Kongable is assigned to Division Three;
- (D) Philip L. Hall is assigned to Division Four; and
- (E) Thomas A. Thode is assigned to Division Five.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Division Two cases previously assigned to the Hon. Tom C. Cole prior to January 1, 1999, are hereby reassigned to Division One, Hon. Tom C. Cole presiding, effective January 1, 1999. The criminal proceedings (such as motions, change of pleas, imposition of sentences, etc.) of Division One shall held on Tuesday and/or Thursday.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all Division One cases previously assigned to the Hon. John N. Nelson, prior to January 1, 1999, are hereby reassigned to Division Two, Hon. John N. Nelson, effective January 1, 1999. The criminal proceedings (such as motions, change of pleas, imposition of sentences, etc.) of Division Two shall held on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective January 1, 1999, Patricia Brockert, Court Reporter, and Dona Miller, Bailiff, shall be assigned to Division One to serve at the pleasure of Judge Tom C. Cole and that Gerald Byrnes, Court Reporter, and Tasha Daley, Bailiff, are hereby assigned to Division Two to serve at the pleasure of Judge John N. Nelson.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 1998.

  
Hon. Tom C. Cole  
PRESIDING JUDGE

Copies to:

Clerk of the Superior Court  
Steve Gallaher, Court Administrator  
Hon. Thomas A. Thode  
Hon. Philip L. Hall  
Hon. Kirby Kongable  
Hon. John N. Nelson  
Hon. Carley Preusch  
John N. Nelson  
Patricia Brockert, Court Reporter  
Gerald Byrnes, Court Reporter

Dona Miller, Bailiff  
Tasha Daley, Bailiff  
Yuma County Bar